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Lada-Mocar'ski, who worked with me during the war in the OSS, and is now Senior Vice President of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation, in New York City, came to see me. We had a talk about old times, as well as ~~present~~ economic conditions in Europe. He is well informed, a splendid linguist, and runs a large investment trust for Schroder.

E and I attended a reception given in our honor by the Womens Press Club of London. This club has a house off Fleet Street, where members are free to drop in at any time during the day and most of the night. The atmosphere was one of ~~entire~~ gaiety. It is fitted up like a club, with a bar at one end, and various rooms where people can congregate, read, eat, or drink.

There must have been 400 or more ladies present, representing dozens of newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; also, there was a sprinkling of authoresses, novelists, biographers, and poets. It was really a wonderful cross section of feminine literary life in London. A few members had come down from the provinces, including an amusing individual who writes a daily column for a northern newspaper on cooking.

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I delivered a lecture this morning at the Imperial Defence College. Afterwards there was a question period. The whole affair lasted about two hours. It was a good audience, composed of high ranking officers of the British Services, as well as some Commonwealth Officers. There were three Americans, out of the 100 or more attending these courses.

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Joan Braden and Oatsie Leiter arrived late last night to stay at the house.

This morning, not knowing that Oatsie was here, we telephoned to Rome to find why she had not been on the plane upon which they ~~had~~ telegraphed she was coming. The house in Rome was perturbed at her disappearance, for it was only afterwards our residence we discovered she had been let in/by the night watchman, and was safely asleep.

Sue Ralley flew over from Paris this morning to stay. I had the three ladies and Al Wells for lunch in my office.

Jimmy Moose, Ambassador to the Sudan, came to see me this afternoon, as did Mr. Beebe, Chairman of Newsweek.

Col. Lovingfoss, from Brussels, called on me to tell me about his recent trip to Moscow.

Red Dowling talked to me this afternoon about conditions in Germany. We are both disconcerted by some of the decisions apparently reached in the Ambassadorial meetings in Washington. I had a telegram from the President today, which will require some intensive work over the weekend. It was as follows:

"Eyes Only for the Ambassador from the President.

Since your last visit came while I was at Newport on a holiday, I did not have a chance to meet with you, and I would now like to ask for a summary of your current views on Berlin. We are coming down to the wire on the formulation of an effective bargaining position, and I would like to know your own current ideas."

• Tonight we had a dinner at the residence for

Lord and Lady John Hope
 Lord Harcourt
 Sir Rex and Lady Benson
 Sir Edward and Lady Ford
 Mr. and Mrs. Mellon
 Mr. Garnett
 Mrs. Leiter
 Mr. Basil Taylor
 Mr. and Mrs. Beale
 Mrs. Braden
 Mrs. Ralley
 Mrs. Glenn
 Mr. Wells

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